(b) whether due to lack of proper mechanism many people have lost their lives because of bomb shells found the scrap collected by the local people;

(c) whether there is any provision to provide compensation to such people; and

(d) whether any mechanism is under consideration to prevent recurrence of such mishaps?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (d) Proper mechanism for disposal of residual scrap at Pokhran and Mahajan (Nal) field firing ranges in Rajasthan exists to avoid the mixing of unused bombs with scrap.

(b) There are no officially reported incidents of loss of life on this account.

(c) As per the Deed of Licence, the collection of scrap is carried out by an authorized contractor under his own arrangements. The contractor and his employees are properly briefed about the safety measures to be taken. Compensation, if any, to any of his employees affected by an accident is to be settled by the contractor.

Corruption in Armed Forces

2604. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scams, scandal cases of corruption, bribery, amassing of disproportionate assets etc. have been detected against several senior Army, Navy and Air Force Officers during last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken and punishments awarded; and

(d) what punitive, preventive and corrective steps Government intends to take to stop the rot, which has even reached the three wings of Armed Forces top brass?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) A statement giving details is enclosed (See below).

(d) Indian Armed Forces are governed by their respective Acts namely Army Act, Navy Act and Air Force Act. Appropriate provisions are there in these Acts to take action against Force personnel indulging in corrupt

practices. In addition, to prevent corrupt practices, well defined procedures with adequate checks and balances are followed especially in matters like high value procurements. All procurement/purchase decisions worth Rs. 75 crore and above are subjected to scrutiny by Comptroller & Auditor General (C&AG) and where necessary by CVC. Stem action is taken against personnel who are found involved in corrupt practices. Wherever considered appropriate, cases are also referred to CBI.

Statement

Details of Corruption in Armed Forces during last three years

Sl. No.	Rank/Name	Charges on which found guilty	Sentence awarded Case Status
1	2	3	4
1	Lt. Gen. SK Sahni	HQ Central Command ordered a Court of Inquiry (C of I) to investigate the matter pertaining to conclusion and operation of Meat Group Contract	The General officer had obtained stay from Hon'ble High Court of Delhi against the C of I. The Supreme Court has stayed the High Court judgment and has granted leave for detailed argument. The case will be progressed after detailed hearing by the Supreme Court.
2	Maj. Gen. KTG Nambiar, VSM	Based upon the findings of a court of Inquiry (C of I) held to investigate the allegations against the General officer when he was Sub Area Commander Meerut, disciplinary action was initiated against him.	At present 92 prosecution witnesses have deposed before the court. The General officer has filed a writ petition in the Hon'ble High Court of Allahabad for stay of disciplinary proceedings, which is being actively contested by the Army.
3	Maj. Gen LK Chopra, VSM (Retd)	A Court of Inquiry (C of I) was instituted to look into massive scale corruption in procurement of Digital Cameras and IT related equipment.	The General officer has obtained a stay from the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi. The General officer Will be tried on vacation of stay.

1	2	3	4
4	Maj Gen Gur Iqbal Singh Multani	A Court of Inquiry (C of I) has indicated the General officer of financial irregularities	The General officer has been suspended and Summary of Evidence (S of E) is being recorded against him and 18 prosecution witnesses have been examined so far. In addition to above four Brigadiers have also been indicted. Disciplinary case against them will be initiated after conclusion of disciplinary case in respect of Maj. Gen GI Singh Multani.
5	Maj Gen PSK Choudhary (Retd)	The ex General officer was involved in 'Tehelka' expose.	He was tried for having accepted illegal gratification from a decoy firm and was awarded sentence of one year rigorous imprisonment and to be cashiered.
6	Brig. Iqbal Singh (Retd)	The retired officer was found involved in 'Tehelka' expose.	A GCM has sentenced the officer to two years of Rigorous Imprisonment and to be cashiered from service, subject to confirmation. The confirmation proceedings are being progressed.
7	Brig VK Anand	Based upon a Court to Inquiry (C of I) disciplinary action has been directed against the officer for misappropriation of funds.	The officer has obtained a stay from the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi. The Division Bench had given a split judgment and the matter has been referred to the third judge for adjudication
8	Brig SS Rao	The officer has been found blameworthy for planning fake encounters for which disciplinary action has been initiated.	The GCM is to commence w.e.f. 09 May 2006.

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9	Brig. RP Singh	The officer was tried by a GCM for financial irregularities in the and canteen fund account illegal sale of liquor in civil.	The officer has been sentenced to nine months rigorous imprisonment and to be cashiered.
10	Cdr. (SD ME) CS Singh (85087-B)	(a) Under Section (U/S) 13 (1) (D) (ii) of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1988, read with Section 77(2) of the Navy Act, 1957 for abusing his position as a Public Servant. (b) U/S 60(b) of the Navy Act, 1957 for commanding the making of false chalians. (c) Two charges U/S 54(2) of te Navy Act, 1957 for being guilty of conduct unbecoming the character of an officer.	To undergo rigorous imprisonment of 06 calendar months, to be dismissed from naval service, to forfeit 24 calendar months seniority in the rank of commander, to pay fine of Rs. 62,500/- and to suffer consequential penalties.
11	Cmde NMM Pandit (60219 K)	(a) Two charges U/S 60(d) of the Navy Act, 1957 for knowingly making fraudulent statements. (b) Three charges U/S 13(1) (d) (ii) of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1988, read with Section 77(2) of the Navy Act, 1957 for abusing his position as a Public Servant. (c) Three charges U/S 13(1) (e) of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1988, read with Section 77(2) of the Navy Act, 1957 for possessing pecuniary resources disproportionate to his known sources of income.	To undergo rigorous imprisonment of 18 calendar months, to be dismissed from naval service, to forfeit 36 calendar months seniority in substantive rank of Capt, to pay fine of Rs. 3 lakhs and to suffer consequential penalties involved.

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		(d) Two charges U/S 54(2) of the Navy Act, 1957 for conduct unbecoming the character of an officer.	
12	Lt. CDdr. (SDAE) MP Verma (86038-R)	(a) Three charges U/S 54(2) of Navy Act, 1957 for conduct unbecoming the character of an officer. (b) Eight charges U/S 13(1) (d) (ii) the Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 read with Section 77(2) of Navy Act, 1957 for abusing his position as a Public Servant. (c) One charge U/S 13 (1) (e) the Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 punishable under Section 13(2) of the said act read with Section 77(2) of the said act read with Section 77(2) of Navy Act, 1957 for possessing pecuniary resources disproportionate to his known sources of income.	To undergo simple imprisonment of 12 calendar months, to be dismissed from naval service, to pay fine of Rs. 6,91,700/- and to suffer consequential penalties. (Execution of sentence stayed by High Court of Delhi.
13	Cdr. AG Gandhi (50702 F)	(a) U/S 54(2) of the Navy Act, 1957 for being guilty of conduct unbecoming the character of an officer (b) U/S 60(d) of the Navy Act, 1957 for knowingly making a fraudulent statement.	To be dismissed from naval service, to forfeit 12 calendar months seniority in substantive rank of Commander and to pay fine of Rs. 7,870/- only and to suffer consequential penalties involved.
14	Cdr. Ajay Gupta (40457-Y)	Four charges U/S 54(2) of the Navy Act, 1957 for conduct unbecoming the character of an officer	To be dismissed from naval service and to suffer consequential penalties.